

Workshop on Advancing meaningful participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the UNFCCC process

Module 2

6th June 2023; 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Venue: Addis Abeba Hall, World Conference Center Bonn

Interpretation Available: French, Russian, Spanish

Virtual participation possible for registered participants of the SB 58

Webcast available on the Webpage

Background

Indigenous Peoples and local communities have distinct values, knowledge systems, worldviews, and traditional practices that contribute to the collective efforts to address climate change and build resilience for all. The Conference of the Parties (COP) to the UNFCCC has emphasized the important role of Indigenous Peoples' and local communities' culture and knowledge in effective action on climate change. The COP has urged Parties to actively involve Indigenous Peoples and local communities in designing and implementing climate action. At the same time, Indigenous Peoples and local communities also face disproportionate impacts of climate change due to their direct dependence on ecosystems to meet basic needs (IPCC, 2022). Despite their crucial role, a significant gap remains related to the participation and contributions of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the international climate policymaking processes. Therefore, it is important to raise awareness among Indigenous Peoples and local communities, especially youth and women, about the UNFCCC process, the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP), the implementation of the Paris Agreement, and opportunities for their leadership to help transform climate policymaking processes at all levels, as well as strengthening understanding and implementation of rights-based climate policies and actions.

Objectives

- Raise awareness and understanding among Indigenous Peoples and local communities of the UNFCCC process, the LCIPP, and the implementation of the Paris Agreement
- Building the capacity of Indigenous Peoples, especially youth and women, and local communities to engage in climate policymaking processes at national and international levels
- Identify concrete ways to highlight and apply the values and knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems in the UNFCCC process, and the global community's effort to transform how society approaches climate change and build resilience

Approach

This training workshop series is designed as interrelated modules, each building upon the previous one. Each workshop will address (a) upcoming important areas of work in international climate policymaking, and (b) national-level climate policymaking and reporting frameworks, with the aim to build capacity for informed engagement. In addition, the series also includes dedicated modules to raise awareness of the UNFCCC processes, LCIPP, and engagement in the COP sessions. The workshop set to take place during SB 58 is the module 2 of the training workshop series.

The training workshop will use interactive and participatory methods to engage indigenous peoples and communities. The workshop will include presentations, interactive activities, and open

dialogues. The workshop will also feature indigenous speakers and experts on climate change and policy.

Content

The training workshop will be 2 hours long and will cover the following topics:

- National Adaptation Plans
- Loss and Damage Finance
- Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security
- Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE)
- Ways to engage: Practical tips and existing avenues to participate and contribute towards the workstream

Target Audience

The training workshop is aimed at indigenous peoples and local communities, with a particular focus on indigenous youth, women, and youth from local communities.

Languages

Interpretation will be made available French, Russian and Spanish

Expected Outcomes

- Raise awareness on key topics within the UNFCCC process such as Loss and Damage Finance and Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security
- Empower indigenous peoples in particular youth, women, and local communities to engage in climate policymaking and decision-making processes at national and international levels
- Highlight the values and knowledge systems of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems in the global effort to transform the collective approach to addressing climate change and building resilience.
- Facilitate dialogue and exchange of experiences among indigenous peoples, local communities, and country Parties, as well as other relevant entities.
- Inputs on meaningful and respectful participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, in the UNFCCC process, will form future guidance materials produced under Activity 4.

Agenda¹

Time	Agenda item	Speakers
Moderated by <i>Tiana Carter (FWG Co-Chair and FWG Activity 4 co-lead)</i>		
1:00 - 1:05	Indigenous Invocation	Sele Tagivuni (IPO Constituency)
1:05 – 1:10	Opening	Gunn-Britt Ritter (FWG Co-Chair)
1:10 – 1:20	National Adaptation Plans	Jamie Ovia (Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) Member - Tuvalu)
1:20 - 1:35	Fire side Chat ¹ : Ways to engage followed by QA with participants <i>Role of Indigenous Values and Knowledge Systems</i>	Jamie Ovia (Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) Member-Tuvalu)
1:35 – 1:45	Loss and Damage Finance	Fatin Atif Tawfig (UNFCCC Secretariat)
1:45 – 2:00	Fire side Chat ¹ : Ways to engage followed by QA with participants <i>Role of Indigenous Values and Knowledge Systems</i>	Hana AlHashimi (Transitional Committee member - UAE)
Moderated by <i>Daria Egereva (FWG Activity 4 co-lead)</i>		
2:00 – 2:10	Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on the implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security	Pierre Brender (UNFCCC Secretariat)
2:10 – 2:25	Fire side Chat ¹ : Ways to engage followed by QA with participants <i>Role of Indigenous Values and Knowledge Systems</i>	Josephine Alice Dawson (Party representative – New Zealand)
2:25 – 2:35	Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE)	Fleur Newman (UNFCCC Secretariat)
2:35 – 2:50	Fire side Chat ¹ : Ways to engage followed by QA with participants	Carol Simon (Party representative (ACE) - Panama) Johanna Arriagada Diaz (Party representative (ACE) from Chile)
2:50 – 2:53	Remarks from IPO Constituency	Graeme Reed (FWG member and IPO Constituency focal point)
2:53 – 2:60	Engage with the LCIPP platform and Closing Remarks	Tiana Carter (FWG Co-Chair)

¹ Proposed questions for fire side chat in Annex

Annex I: Proposed Questions for Fire Side Chat

National Adaptation Plans

1. How can engaging with Indigenous Peoples and local communities support the process to formulate and implement National Adaptation Plans?
2. Tuvalu's national policies such as National Adaptation Programme of Action have utilized community participatory approaches for its development and implementation. From a party's perspective, could you please elaborate on this approach and experience in effective engagement with Indigenous Peoples and local communities?

Loss and Damage Finance

1. Addressing the impact of slow onset events, in particular in relation to indigenous culture and heritage, is of particular importance to Indigenous Peoples. Do you envision the new fund and funding arrangements for loss and damage to include provisions for prioritizing action to be undertaken by or for Indigenous Peoples in this regard?
2. Action to provide emergency response following disasters have typically prioritized immediate and urgent needs without necessarily assessing the impact of such response on long-term adaptive capacity in the interest of intergenerational equity. Is the loss and damage fund and funding arrangements likely to include provisions to ensure a long-term orientation that avoids sacrificing the wellbeing of future generations in favor of immediate needs?

Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security

1. Could you highlight how New Zealand has been engaging with Indigenous Peoples and local communities in climate policy and actions focusing on agriculture and food security?
2. Could you elaborate on the need for integrating the indigenous values and knowledge systems and local knowledge in the Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on implementation of climate action on agriculture and food security?

Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE)

1. Could you share examples/case studies from your countries on how you have engaged with Indigenous Peoples and local communities related to Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE)?
2. Could you highlight the importance of integrating indigenous values and knowledge systems and local knowledge in the ACE workplan?
3. In the presentation today, we heard several ACE activities. Could you further emphasize how the Indigenous Peoples and local community representatives can participate in the activities?